IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:

Brian Maiorella et al.

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METHOD OF INCREASING PRODUCT EXPRESSION THROUGH

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231-0001

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments

In the Claims

Please delete claims 7-38.

REMARKS

Applicants request consideration of the application in view of the above amendments. Claims 7-38 have been cancelled. No new matter has been added.

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Dated: May 1, 2001

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